ALFRED C. MURPHY AND HIRAM BURLINGHAM.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 749.]

JUNE 22, 1860.

Mr. VANDEVER, from the Committee on Public Lands, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Alfred C. Murphy and Hiram Burlingham, report:

That in the spring and summer of 1852, the said Alfred C. Murphy and Hiram Burlingham settled on and commenced improving separate tracts of unsurveyed public lands, in the (then) Territory of Minnesota, with a view of making them their permanent residences. That said lands were not surveyed till the summer of 1853, when it was found that the improvements of said Murphy were on the north half of the northeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 36, township No. 29, range No. 24, in the county of Hennepin; and those of said Burlingham upon the south half of the northwest quarter and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of said section 36, in the same township and range. That they (said Murphy and Burlingham) continued to occupy, cultivate, improve and possess said lands every year since, until the dwellings and outhouses of each, independent of the cultivation and fencing of about one hundred acres, have cost about the sum of one thousand dollars. When the government surveys were extended over those lands they were found to be portions of section No. 36, and all sections bearing that number had been reserved by the act of March 3, 1849, that they might be donated to the State, when admitted, for school purposes.

Your committee herewith report a bill for the relief of said Alfred C. Murphy and Hiram Burlingham, and recommend that the same do

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